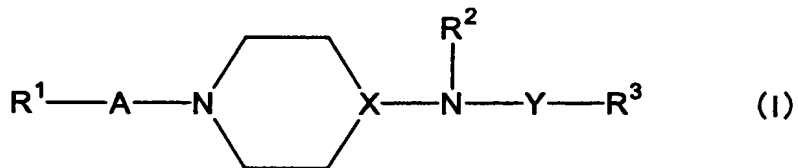


Abstract

The present invention relates to an a neurotrophic factor production accelerator comprising, as an active ingredient, a compound represented by the formula (I) below:



wherein R¹ is lower alkyl, aryl, ar(lower)alkoxy, or a heterocyclic group, and the above groups may be substituted with halogen, R² is a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl, R³ is cyclo(lower)alkyl, aryl or ar(lower)alkyl, and the above groups
10 may be substituted with halogen, A is -CO-, -SO₂- or lower alkylene, X is N or CH, Y is -CO-, -SO₂- or -CONH-, a salt, a prodrug or a solvate thereof. According to the present invention, a neurotrophic factor production accelerator, which is useful for the prophylaxis or treatment of a motor nervous system or
15 peripheral nervous system disease, can be provided.